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1. SUMMARY: MAKARIOS AND DENKTASH TRADE CHARGE OF  
INTRANSIGENCE, ESCALATING RHETORIC AND CLOUDING ATMOSPHERE  
FOR SECOND SESSION OF LEDRA PALACE TALKS MAY 26. END SUMMARY.

2. MAKARIOS, IN FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE SINCE HIS HEART  
ATTACK IN EARLY APRIL, OPENED THE CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL  
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STATE FAIR MAY 20 WITH SHORT, TOUGH, AND AT TIMES MELODRAMATIC  
SPEECH. MAKARIOS DESCRIBED FAIR AS A SYMBOL OF THE GREEK  
CYPRIOT ECONOMIC RECOVERY FOLLOWING THE "AGGRESSION OF THE  
TURKISH ATILLA" AND AS AN "EXPRESSION OF THE SPIRIT TO  
STRUGGLE"; SAID THAT RECOVERY OF THE ECONOMY CONSTITUTES  
"AN IMPORTANT INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF OUR  
STRUGGLE, PARTICULARLY IF A LONG STRUGGLE IS MADE

IMPERATIVE BY TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE"; AND VOWED TO STRUGGLE FOR CYPRUS' SALVATION "AS LONG AS MY HEART BEATS."

2. NOTING THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS SIMULTANEOUSLY TAKING PLACE IN NICOSIA, MAKARIOS CLAIMED GREEK CYPRIOT EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE A COMPROMISE HAD ENTAILED "PAINFUL CONCESSIONS" AND BLAMED TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE FOR NEGATIVE RESULTS AT VIENNA. HE WARNED: "RETREAT ON OUR PART HAS CERTAIN LIMITS BEYOND WHICH IT IS NOT POSSIBLE, NOR DO WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO GO. WE ARE NOT HOLDING THE TALKS IN ORDER TO NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF OUR SURRENDER BECAUSE WE SHALL NEVER SURRENDER."

3. DENKTASH, SPEAKING TO PRESS UPON HIS RETURN MAY 23 FROM EIGHTH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IN LIBYA, DESCRIBED THE CONFERENCE AS "USEFUL" OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND TURKISH COMMUNITY'S FOREIGN CONTACTS AND SAID CONFERENCE RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS REAFFIRMED AND REINFORCED LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION. (COMMENT: DENKTASH SUCCEEDED THIS YEAR IN BEING REFERRED TO IN RESOLUTION AS "HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT DENKTASH" RATHER THAN AS LEADER OF TURKISH MUSLIM COMMUNITY BUT FAILED TO SECURE REFERENCE TO "TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS.") TURNING TO FAMILIAR THEMES, DENKTASH THEN NOTED THE TURKS COULD NEVER ACCEPT GREEK PRETENSIONS TO REPRESENT THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT; WARNED THAT EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE THE TURKISH MAINLAND GUARANTEE WOULD BE REGARDED AS HOSTILE ACTIONS; AND SAID TURKISH COMMUNITY COULD NOT BE LEFT IN ITS PRESENT (STATELESS) SITUATION INDEFINITELY. IN THIS REGARD, DENKTASH CONTINUED, QUESTIONS OF PASSPORTS AND CENTRAL BANK MUST BE SETTLED QUICKLY.

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4. RESPONDING TO REPORTERS' QUESTIONS, DENKTASH DENIED TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE AND CHARGED THAT IT WAS THE GREEKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS WHO WERE HINDERING A SETTLEMENT IN ORDER TO PREVENT AMERICAN AID TO TURKEY. THE GREEK SIDE, HE CONTINUED, WANT TO BARGAIN WITH US OVER OUR FREEDOM, OUR EXISTENCE, AND OUR RIGHTS, AND THEY ARE USING AMERICA AS THEIR TOOL... AS LONG AS AMERICA INTERVENES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THIS WAY, IT WILL SPOIL THE GREEKS AND NO POSITIVE RESULT WILL BE ACHIEVED... ARE WE NEGOTIATING WITH THE GREEK CYPRIOTS OR WITH AMERICA? THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WANT TO MAKE US NEGOTIATE WITH AMERICA, AND IN AMERICA THEY ARE KNOWINGLY PLAYING THIS GAME. THIS IS A VERY BITTER THINK."

5. ASKED ABOUT RECENT GOC CONVICTION OF DANISH SHIP CAPTAIN (FOR CALLING AT "ILLEGAL" FAMAGUSTA PORT), DENKTASH TERMED THE ACTION "HOOLIGANISM", WARNED THAT TURKISH SIDE WOULD HAVE TO COUNTERACT GREEK CYPRIOT ECONOMIC WARFARE, AND SAID THIS TYPE OF GREEK CYPRIOT ACTION WOULD

ONLY DRIVE THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES FURTHER APART.  
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